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1. A train of 6 locked boxcars, presumably occupied by soldiers, and of 30 to 35 two-axle flatcars passed through Niederitz (M 53/Y 70) railroad station toward Dessau (M 52/E 17) at about 6 a.m. on 12 July 1950. The flatcars carried six guns, six prime movers, fourteen trucks

one jeep

and one field kitchen. The guns were of about 100 mm caliber, and their barrels were about 3 meters long with a vertical equilibrator on each side. Some officers and men, observed on the flatcars, wore red-bordered black epaulets. *

2. A train of five boxcars occupied by recruits and five flatcars carrying five guns and their five prime movers was seen in Niederitz at about 7:30 a.m. on 13 July 1950. The train was headed toward Altengrabow (M 53/Z 00) or Dessau.

** The guns were of about 150 mm caliber with a barrel of about 4 meters and had a box-trail gun carriage with iron-clad wheels.

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Comment. a component unit of the unidentified Gun Arty Brig, possibly the 10th, or of the 18th How Arty Brig of the IV Arty Corps.

Comment. a component unit of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig of the IV Arty Corps from Potsdam.

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